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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed Japanese documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanations of relevance for the non-English documents are provided in the Description of the Related Art section of the specification.

For the Examiner's information, U.S. Patent No. 6,057,051 corresponds to Japanese Document No. 9-213359, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0055029

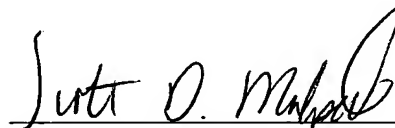
corresponds to Japanese Document No. 2002-49440, and U.S. Patent No. 6,447,941 corresponds to Japanese Document No. 2000-106201.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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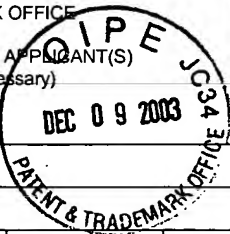
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		<b>9-213359</b>	<b>08/1997</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
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